

Moving Towards a Recovery Oriented System of Care in Virginia:



SAARA of Virginia

Peer-to-Peer Support Services

APRIL 27th and 28th, 2009

Sheraton Park South, Richmond, Virginia



Peer – to – peer services support RECOVERY and are designed and delivered by peers – people who have shared the experience of addiction and RECOVERY.

How can peer recovery support services be integrated with the continuum of care?

How do peer recovery support services differ/support traditional substance use disorder treatment?

Keynote Speaker – Arthur C. Evans, Ph. D. - Director, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services. Dr. Evans leads an innovative, comprehensive behavioral health and mental retardation system committed to providing high quality services. Prior to coming to Philadelphia, Dr. Evans was instrumental in implementing a recovery-oriented policy framework in Connecticut.

Patricia McCarthy – Executive Director, Friends of Vermont – Patricia is a tireless advocate for individuals with substance use disorder and has distinguished herself as an expert in the field of peer recovery support services. Patricia's primary interest is in creating policies and systems that include the valuable skills and contributions of the recovery community.

Ben Bass – Executive Director, Recovery Alliance in El Paso, TX. Ben has been implementing and creatively sustaining peer recovery support services in Texas since 2002.

Laurel Mangrum, Ph.D – Addiction Research Institute, University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Mangrum is lead evaluator for the Texas Access to Recovery and Co-Occurring State Incentive Grants, as well as for a Recovery Community Services Project that focuses on recovery support services in the state.

Jan M. Brown, Executive Director, SpiritWorks Foundation. Jan is a person in long term recovery. Her life experiences along with her extensive academic accomplishments have proven valuable in creating and sustaining a recovery community center serving the Williamsburg area.

June Gertig, J.D., Senior Associate, Altarum Institute. June has provides technical assistance for the Recovery Community Services Program, the federally funded peer recovery support services project. Her extensive expertise is complimented by her experience as a board member of the Loudon County Community Services Board. In addition, June played a key role in the organizational development of SAARA of Virginia.

Panel discussion with the five state- funded Peer Recovery Support Services Programs and the SAARA Center for Recovery

SACAVA credits will be provided. Lunch is included on Monday April 27. The cost is \$25 for both days (scholarships are available). Rooms are available at the Sheraton at the State rate. For room reservations call (804) 232-5255. For conference reservations, call (804) 762-4445 or email director@saara.org

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